

PARAMEDIC

DEFINITION: Under general supervision, as the lead medical staff of an ambulance or other medical transport unit, provides emergency, pre-hospital care and transportation to the critically injured or ill within the parameters of the license/certification.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: (Essential functions, as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, may include the following tasks, knowledge, skills and other characteristics. This list of tasks is ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY, and is not a comprehensive listing of all functions and tasks performed by incumbents of this class.)

TASKS:

Stands by in readiness to respond to emergencies during a 24-hour tour of duty; responds to emergency calls; assesses situation and need for assistance; determines most effective method of emergency treatment; applies advanced life support or other appropriate treatment to victim(s)/patient(s); administers drugs; undertakes appropriate invasive procedures; advises hospital personnel of situation; transports injured or ill to hospital for treatment.

Maintains records and files; maintains and re-supplies vehicle; identifies needs for additional/replacement supplies and equipment; undertakes continuous training; works with public, medical professionals and others to educate and advise of the role, capabilities and responsibilities of a paramedic. Performs other related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS:

Knowledge of applicable State of Tennessee statutes, rules, administrative orders, policies and procedures.

Knowledge of Hamilton County policies and procedures.

Knowledge of techniques, requirements and activities associated with emergency medical response.

Knowledge of record keeping, records and case management.

Skill in working under stressful situations, in receiving and assessing information, then making appropriate decisions for response.

Skill in establishing and maintaining good working relations with staff, other departments, law enforcement, and the general public.

Skill in effectively maintaining equipment, facilities and operations.

Skill in operating a personal computer utilizing a variety of software applications.

Skill effectively communicating in both oral and written form.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Work requires good physical fitness with the ability to function effectively in heavy, cumbersome protective gear, be able to lift and carry heavy, bulky items, equipment, materials, supplies and people weighing up to 200 in unpredictable weather conditions over varying terrain. There is also the risk of bodily harm and potential exposure to infectious diseases, toxic fumes and chemicals.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

The equivalent of a High School diploma and two (2) years of experience as an Emergency Medical Technician. Must possess current TN Paramedic License; current certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLS). Must hold a valid TN Class D-F driver's license, or equivalent Special Class and Endorsement as required by the state of residence. Must be certified in EVOC and maintain certification. Applicants must be able to effectively communicate in both oral and written form.

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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must be licensed in Tennessee as a Paramedic at the time of application. Incumbents must be able to obtain and retain all certifications. Incumbents must retain all required state and Federal certifications.

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